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Situation Report – January 12-13, 2007 Winter Storm – January 13, 2007 – Afternoon Report Updates are in Bold Face Type

A series of severe winter storms swept across Missouri on Friday, January 12, 2007 causing moderate to heavy damage in Southwest Missouri. A cold front crossed Missouri on Friday morning January 12, 2007 dropping temperatures from the mid-fifties into the high twenties. Moisture from the Gulf of Mexico overrode the cold front causing large amount of freezing rain and/or sleet. An area from Oklahoma City to St. Louis along the I-44 corridor was the heaviest hit. **A second round of freezing precipitation is expected tonight and into early tomorrow morning.**

As of this morning there have been two fatalities and several injuries reported as having been caused by this storm.

Storm Damage Reports

St. Charles County: One-quarter inch of ice reported overnight, anticipate an additional half to three quarters of inch of ice later today. Severe tree damage from O'Fallon, Missouri –Eastward. Significant power lines are down in St. Charles County. **32,000 without power.** City of St. Charles is 50% without power (number is included in previous bullet). **Six nursing homes reported as having power issues.** Portage de Sioux sewer treatment plant without power. St. Charles has dispatched a generator to assist the city. St. Peters, Missouri has also suffered time and power line damage. Wentzville and Lake St. Louis report no significant damages.

St. Louis City- EOC not currently activated, 4,000 Ameren customers without power, and they are monitoring the situation.

St. Louis County- 58,000 customers without power at about 1500 hours. 10 nursing homes in county without power earlier in the day have all been restored as of now. Approximately 8 warming sites are up and running. Fire Department reports after an initial run of calls, things are returning to normal business levels. St. Louis County has 42 traffic signals out of power, and they are working closely with District MoDOT officials to get them restored and operating.

Springfield/Greene County: Three inches of freezing rain has approximately 70,000 people without power. City of Springfield Utilities is only handling calls that are life threatening. One regular shelter was opened in the overnight with 45-50 persons in residence. One special needs shelter has been opened. One nursing home has been evacuated and several more have indicated the necessity to move. City of Springfield is running short of transportation to relocate nursing home residents.

Lawrence County- Widespread power outages in county; warming centers set up in Monett, Aurora, Mt. Vernon.

Polk County: City of Bolivar reports two shelters were opened in the City. Empire District Electric reports about 1,400 customers in Bolivar without power. Expect power to be restored this afternoon. Fire Dept. had twenty calls in the overnight. Public works is having trouble keeping up with falling trees and limbs blocking streets. City EOC is operating at Level II.

Barry County: One shelter open at this time in Monett, Missouri.

Ameren- Estimates 100,000 customers out of power in Missouri service areas. Restorations are in progress but additional damage is occurring at the same time.

Missouri Association of Electric Cooperatives- Reported 39,000 customers out in the Cooperative service areas. They are using local crews for restoration efforts. Will contact Greene County EMD and get list of nursing homes without power, and other special needs customers, and put them on priority list to get restored.

State Actions

The State Emergency Operations Center is activated at a class II activation for 24/7 until at least Monday evening, the 15th. State agencies and volunteer agency staff are receiving requests for assistance and working with local agencies to address needs of governments and citizens. State agencies currently at the EOC are: Missouri State Highway Patrol, State Fire Marshall, SEMA, Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Social Services, Office of Administration, Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Transportation, and Department of Natural Resources. Also in the EOC are representatives of MOVOAD, and Red Cross.

National Weather Service- National Weather Service reports a second strong weather system will move across the state from the west, southwest tonight and into tomorrow bringing more precipitation in the form of possibly heavy rain, freezing rain, sleet and snow to the northern areas. A third wave of weather activity will also pass through on Sunday. The temperatures will remain colder through early in the week, allowing for little or no thawing of accumulated ice and snow.

Red Cross- Red Cross is operating and opening shelters in the affected areas. Additional staff and some resources are being brought into the affected areas. For Red Cross shelter information, persons can call 1-866-GET-INFO (438-4636).

Point of Contact:

SEMA Duty Officer after hours (Starting at 4:30 pm) number is 573-751-2748. During normal duty hour's calls should be made to 573-526-9100.

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed on the SEMA Website later today.